

**The Care of the Body---Experience
Meeting---Relief Corps Work.**

Pruritis, or itching, is another neuritic affection of the skin, though commonly a symptom of other diseases, as eczema, prurigo, scabies &c. As a separate affection, without lesion except that caused by scratching, it indicates systemic disorder, and may be attended with great annoyance and distress. Winter itching, which comes on with cold weather, is one form of this trouble, affecting principally the back of the shoulders and arms, also the thighs &c. The itching is worse upon undressing at night, and is sometimes almost unendurable. Under flannels may have something to do with

very prompt local applications are of small account, although a wash with two or three spoonfuls of bi-carbonate of soda in a pint of water relieves the itching somewhat; also, an ointment of five to ten grains of carbolic acid

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These heroines at the front were not the only ones who had part in the struggle for Union. Standing one day in a large hospital tent as the Sanitary Commission's wagon drove up, a soldier

And his trembling lips could not utter
 The words that his agonized heart
 The flood-gates seemed suddenly opened,
 We all were so ready to cry—
 And so our passions were stirred
 With tears streaming down from each eye.
 The long, lonely lane to the pasture,
 Grown lonelier since he was gone,
 Seemed to echo his broken sentences
 As the oxen plodded slowly along;
 And the larks, as they sprang from the branches,
 Seemed to utter his broken sentences
 And mutter, above and beneath me,
 Seemed sadder than ever before,
 Their vengeance rose mighty within me;
 For now that my brother was dead,
 I wanted to take up his musket
 And stand in the ranks in his stead.
 And the neighbors, who were so shamefaced,
 And fashion their proud lip would curl,
 For I was only a woman,
 Now, then, I was—
 Yes a girl—
 And the Government wanted the fathers,
 The husbands, the sons, brave and tall,
 As targets for enemies' bullets,
 And sent all the fathers, all

And thus the heart-war raged within us,
With these thoughts and more of their kind;
So we pushed the hand-war with more vigor
To drive the heart-war from the mind.
I have told you my simple story,
But sisters all over the land

One of the National officers writes us that she is surprised upon visiting the different Corps to see the progress the members, especially the women, are making. The majority of these, who thought they could never officiate in public, are doing so with great credit. This is the case everywhere. So ladies, do not hesitate to get into the ranks. You will never know what you can do until you try.

"God bless our soldier boys! I am always willing to do with all my might whatever my hands can find to do for our soldiers, their wives and children." So writes a correspondent who has been off in the formation of a Relief Corps, and her work indicates the spirit a-pace along the line.

Since the Denver Renown Relief Corps have been formed in Maine, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Kansas, Nebraska, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa, Indiana, California, Michigan, and Connecticut—Ohio, New York and Kansas leading.

The country has been treated, the past week, to a piece of sentiment, on the part of an army officer, that was not expected. In selling off old and condemned army property at a fraction

person increased, yet I would not, under any circumstances, see and knowingly permit an soldier to enjoy a pension obtained by fraud.

SENATOR JOHN HENRY SWANTON, O. Co. D, 19th U. S. V.

Does Any Veteran Recall This Incident?

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

It would be highly gratifying to me if I could find some one who had been present at or through your valuable paper: Does any soldier, Union or Confederate, remember the following incident, supposed to have transpired the latter part of March, 1865: Dispersive Union and Confederate forces were encamped along the Rappahannock River in opposite positions. On a beautiful evening the Confederates band commenced playing "The Bonnie Blue Flag." The Union band responded, their hand opposite started up "Star-Spangled Banner," the Confederates followed with "Dixie!" Union with "My Country, 'Tis of Thee!"

Some Practical Suggestions for Our Agricultural Readers.

LEAFY CLOVER AND MELLOR.
The presence of the leafy clover, which looks out from the ground of Alsike or Mellor clover in the grain fields, and says that it is becoming a positive nuisance along the road sides in some portions of Northern Illinois. The editor of the *Waynesboro* paper writes that he has seen it where the Alsike was so abundant and so that it was with difficulty two teams could pass each other. It hid the fences as effectively as

legume will grow four to six feet high in good soils; but it is not a particularly aggressive plant, and not likely to grow to so formidable proportions as to obstruct travel. It is to the flowers of this plant that the former *Guernsey*

42a. These are stem tubers of the Chinese potato, *Dioscorea batatas*. The tuberos root is perennial, and yearly increase in size. After three years' growth in ordinary good soil, the roots are ready for use as food for man. They are a valuable and palatable food, and the plant was introduced about thirty years ago as substitute for the common potato; but although it never supersedes either the common or sweet potato, it makes a good vegetable.

I have lately moved into this State, and wishing to plant fruit trees of different kinds that would grow well here, I made out a list which included some of the above mentioned plants. I was surprised to find that the tree is more tender than the orange tree, and that it makes a good vegetable.

THE NATIONAL TRAVELER informs me on this plant

— R. B. Georgia.

42b. The Japan persimmon is much harder than the orange, some of the fruit in the climate of New Jersey we have seen spread from trees in the District of Columbia and Virginia. It will grow well in any part

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